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After a very interesting couple of months, the intramural volleyball season is drawing to a close. The play-offs are just about done.

It's down to four teams. Maintenance is the only team left in the winner's bracket. They sent Services, Supply and Security Forces down to the loser's bracket.

Transportation, CE and Security Forces are the only one-time losers left.

Transportation and CE play for that last semi-final position and right after that game, Security Forces will play the winner.

In other sports news, the softball season is still going strong. About a quarter of the way through, the stronger teams are starting to show their stuff. In some action on May 29, MDG, SFS (K-9), MXS (D) and QA were all winners. SVS, OSS, SUPS (B) and AGE were all losers. There are only four undefeated teams left out of both leagues. SFS, AMMO and the surprise 80th FS are all 3-0 out of the American League and QA is 5-0 out of the National League. Of course, there are the cellar dwellers also. Those honors go to MSS, Comm (A), 35th FS and

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CPTF at 0-3 out of the American League and SUPS (A) is 0-5 out of the National League.

There are going to be some pretty intense games on tap for next week. Monday at 7 p.m., Comm (A) plays MSS. One of these two teams is going to get their first win of the season. Thursday at 9 p.m., AGE plays MXS (D) in one of the few games that has two teams with winning records.

Speaking of great games, last Friday during Wolf Pack Sports Day there was a great game that is affectionately referred to as Chiefs vs. Eagles. The Kunsan Eagles came out swinging but the chiefs had answers all afternoon. The game wasn't always close though. The chief's jumped out to a 12-5 lead, but the Eagles came storming back. In probably one of the most horrific plays of the year, Chief Master Sgt. Stephen Hutton, Wolf Chief, lost a finger and a little skin courtesy of the softball as he put his hand in front of his glove just as the ball got there. He was dusted off to the Yongsan Garrison hospital for a nice Army operation, some stitches and a very nice silver finger cast. After that, the intensity calmed down a little but the excitement kept on going. The Chiefs ended up winning, 16-15. Tune in next week for final volleyball results and more scores from the softball diamond.



Kunsan softball schedule

American League

Monday

6 p.m.
AMMO vs. CES (A)

7 p.m.
COMM (A) vs. MSS

8 p.m.
SFS vs. SUPS (A)

9 p.m.
80 FS vs. 35 FS

Wednesday

6 p.m.
CPTF vs. TRANS (A)

7 p.m.
CES (A) vs. SFS

8 p.m.
AMMO vs. COMM (A)

National League

Tuesday

6 p.m.
MDG vs. SFS (K-9)

7 p.m.
F-ARMY vs. SUPS (B)

8 p.m.
SVS vs. COMM (B)

9 p.m.
CES (B) vs. TRANS (B)

Thursday

6 p.m.
SFS (K-9) vs. COMM (B)

7 p.m.
OSS vs. MDG

Air Force recruits at racing event

RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas (AFPN) – Air Force Recruiting Service came out in full support for the running of the Coca Cola 600 NASCAR Winston Cup race outside Charlotte, N.C., May 27.

The service's activity for the race, which featured a car with a special Air Force paint scheme, actually started earlier in the week with a parade in Charlotte. Recruiting people were also present at the opening of the movie "Pearl Harbor" May 25 at a local movie theater, said Staff Sgt. Tony Fullilove, a recruiter in Rock Hill, S.C.

"We had Ricky Recruiter and our ROVer in the parade on Speed Street in Charlotte," he said. "We've been meeting a lot of people, and quite a few teen-agers."

The ROVer is a Recruiting Outreach Vehicle – a specially equipped van that serves as a mobile recruiting office and features a bold Air Force paint scheme and large multimedia video screen and sound system to show visitors a "tour of duty" presentation highlighting the job skills and advanced technology offered by the Air Force.

Besides the 10-foot inflatable Ricky and the ROVer at the movie opening in Huntersville, N.C., the Air Force Special Tactics And Rescue Specialists team performed a jump, and Tactical Air Control Party members displayed a Humvee and other equipment.

"We're here for recruiting in general, but it also helps expose the special tactics career fields," said Tech. Sgt. Lance Maguire, of the 14th Air Support Operations Squadron, Pope Air Force Base, S.C. "A lot of people want to jump or do some of the other special tactics jobs, but have no idea we do that in the Air Force."

A large crowd gathered for the STARS jump, including Jeanie Frye, a resident of Cornelius, N.C.

"We came to see a movie and saw all the Air Force equipment outside," she said. "When we heard there would be a



Photo by Larry McTighe
Elliott Sadler, driving the No. 21 car, battles Steve Park during the early stages of the Coca-Cola 600 at Lowes Motor Speedway. The Air Force advertises on the car. Sadler went on to finish 19th.

jump, we decided to stay outside and watch ... we could see a movie any time."

Recruiting service people moved their show to Lowe's Motor Speedway for both a Busch Series race May 26 and the Winston Cup race Sunday. Prior to the race Saturday, Gen. John Jumper, commander of Air Combat Command, performed a swearing in of people entering the Air Force through the Delayed Entry Program.

"I like NASCAR and I think it is neat that I was sworn in by a four-star general," said Meghan Van Buskirk, a resident of Winston Salem, N.C., who has been in the DEP for about three months. "I'm really looking forward to going into the Air Force."

Van Buskirk travels to basic training at Lackland AFB, Texas, June 20.

Recruiters prepared for this NASCAR event for months, said Senior Master Sgt. Michael Alvin, 337th Recruiting Squadron first sergeant.

"This is one of the biggest projects of the year," Alvin said. "We have people from throughout the squadron out here because the races draw a lot of people from all over. It's going quite well."

"It was a resounding success," said Col. Darrel Greer, Air Force Recruiting Service vice commander. "Our recruiters had a great presence at the race and we met a lot of potential recruits from the 25,000 to 30,000 folks visiting the Air Force display on Saturday and Sunday."

Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. Michael Ryan was also recruiting, according to Greer.

"During his visit to the booth, he filled out a recruiter lead card on a potential applicant," Greer said.

The Air Force advertises on the No. 21 car driven by Elliot Sadler. Sadler finished 19th in the race Sunday.



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